

# Feds' Suit Against Majors Most Threatening Move Yet in Baseball War

## EXHIBITION TILTS ARE REFUSED BY MAJOR LEAGUERS

Big Clubs Will Do Little Barnstorming on Return Trips From Southern Training Camps.

By Frank G. Menke.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Barnstorming by major league clubs en route north from the training camps is no longer popular. Very few of the clubs will play more than six games on their way home next spring. And most of them will be against other major league clubs.

There are two reasons for the shift. One is that the playing of about a dozen games en route seemed to take the edge off the players' form. Another reason is that the games in small southern towns rarely produce enough in gate receipts to make it worth the major's while to linger around. It costs from \$200 to \$300 for a club to stop over at one of the small towns, and very often the share of the gate that the major league club got did not meet the expense.

Most of the clubs in the American and National leagues have refused to schedule the small town clubs, and will be content to play from three to six games against clubs in the rival league, in an effort to get back part of the training expense money.

Still Some Wrestler.

At the age of 48, George Bothner, the most remarkable wrestler in the world, denies reports that he is going to retire from the mat.

"Why should I?" he asks. "I'm as good now as I ever was."

Bothner is right about it, too. Just the other night he grappled a heavyweight wrestler and pinned his shoulders to the mat in big time.

Bothner has been wrestling for 18 years. He has been in actual competition more than 2,600 times. He never was thrown by a man of his own weight. Bothner rarely has weighed over 135 pounds, yet he has met middle weights and heavy weights. He has defeated most of them.

"I keep in shape by wrestling in average of 36 men a week," said Bothner. "I conduct a wrestling school and grapple with all my pupils. I don't believe in strict training. I drink when I feel like it and I smoke big black cigars. And I inhale them too. It doesn't seem to have hurt my wind."

Magoo is Improving.

Sherwood Magoo, one time Phillie outfielder, who has been traded to the Boston Braves, is quite a slugger. Also he's a reliable fielder. Here is his 11-year major league record which shows that Magoo, as a batter, has been improving instead of slipping during the past five years:

| Year. | Games. | B.A. | F.A. |
|-------|--------|------|------|
| 1904  | 95     | .277 | .921 |
| 1905  | 155    | .298 | .963 |
| 1906  | 154    | .282 | .982 |
| 1907  | 139    | .328 | .978 |
| 1908  | 142    | .283 | .970 |
| 1909  | 142    | .270 | .970 |
| 1910  | 154    | .331 | .974 |
| 1911  | 122    | .288 | .981 |
| 1912  | 132    | .296 | .963 |
| 1913  | 138    | .306 | .968 |
| 1914  | 151    | .321 | .963 |

Clabby is Worsted.

Jimmy Clabby, middleweight scrapper, drew a seat in a cafe one day alongside of a very talkative fellow. His talk was about the ring game and prize fighters.

"This fellow Jimmy Clabby," said the stranger, "is a pretty good fighter, but I don't like him very much personally."

"That so?" queried Clabby. "Do you know Clabby very well?"

"Know him?" Why, I've known him since he was a kid," responded the stranger.

Clabby didn't recall the stranger's face. He figured he was boasting about his acquaintanceship with fighters, as is the case sometimes with fight fans.

"Tell you what I'll do," said Clabby. "I'll bet you a 10 spot you don't know Clabby when you see him."

"You're on," answered the stranger.

## BOWLING SCORES

### STUDEBAKER LEAGUE.

|             |     |     |     |     |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Bickelmaier | 158 | 157 | 146 | 481 |
| Kimble      | 170 | 112 | 122 | 405 |
| Rumsey      | 154 | 177 | 138 | 469 |
| Wickenden   | 119 | 135 | 136 | 390 |
| Zelky       | 162 | 123 | 215 | 500 |
| Handicap    | 155 | 153 | 155 | 465 |

Totals 918 869 932 2710

### SKEINS.

|          |     |     |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Peterson | 158 | 129 | 144 | 431 |
| McCarty  | 145 | 136 | 182 | 463 |
| Barrett  | 154 | 159 | 122 | 435 |
| Lindall  | 169 | 147 | 127 | 443 |
| LaPierre | 181 | 132 | 162 | 475 |
| Handicap | 175 | 175 | 175 | 525 |

Totals 1002 878 913 2793

### TRIO LEAGUE.

|          |     |     |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hug      | 141 | 96  | 122 | 359 |
| Herr     | 141 | 116 | 115 | 372 |
| LaFonda  | 132 | 157 | 141 | 431 |
| Handicap | 136 | 196 | 156 | 488 |

Totals 511 565 574 1750

### CARBURATORS.

|           |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Trumbo    | 111 | 109 | 161 | 381 |
| Hill      | 94  | 89  | 101 | 284 |
| Low Score | 133 | 96  | 115 | 344 |
| Handicap  | 223 | 226 | 227 | 676 |

Totals 561 520 604 1685

### C. A. CLUB LEAGUE.

|                |     |     |     |     |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| S. B. Robinson | 190 | 167 | 144 | 501 |
| Campbell       | 176 | 155 | 167 | 498 |
| Moredock       | 134 | 176 | 172 | 482 |
| Schneider      | 173 | 217 | 144 | 534 |
| Holland        | 156 | 199 | 183 | 538 |
| Handicap       | 34  | 34  | 34  | 102 |

Totals 863 948 844 2655

### ATHLETICS.

|          |     |     |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Keeney   | 156 | 192 | 158 | 417 |
| Zigler   | 106 | 87  | 123 | 316 |
| Murdock  | 138 | 138 | 124 | 399 |
| Kaufman  | 126 | 130 | 120 | 376 |
| Tuttle   | 162 | 161 | 194 | 517 |
| Handicap | 142 | 142 | 142 | 426 |

Totals 831 761 861 2453

### WESTMINSTER.

|            |     |     |     |     |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Trowbridge | 171 | 152 | 157 | 481 |
| Snyder     | 157 | 134 | 115 | 406 |
| DeMan      | 164 | 143 | 138 | 445 |
| H. Beyer   | 139 | 108 | 127 | 374 |
| C. Beyer   | 168 | 167 | 182 | 517 |

Totals 799 705 719 2223

### ST. JAMES.

|              |     |     |     |     |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hartlin      | 184 | 168 | 164 | 516 |
| Jones        | 137 | 81  | 111 | 329 |
| Baker        | 130 | 143 | 136 | 409 |
| Miltenberger | 101 | 125 | 126 | 352 |
| Fricke       | 101 | 132 | 116 | 349 |
| Pruneyne     | 165 | 224 | 172 | 561 |

Totals 717 748 713 2178

### WALTHER LEAGUE.

|          |     |     |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Duff     | 110 | 144 | 170 | 424 |
| Lauffer  | 193 | 175 | 118 | 486 |
| Scheller | 171 | 159 | 160 | 491 |
| German   | 126 | 145 | 117 | 388 |
| Wirth    | 178 | 196 | 123 | 497 |
| Handicap | 131 | 131 | 131 | 393 |

Total 909 941 819 2669

### NEVER-SWEATS.

|          |     |     |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hans     | 164 | 177 | 149 | 490 |
| Krause   | 185 | 169 | 140 | 494 |
| Nave     | 145 | 161 | 123 | 429 |
| Bode     | 123 | 100 | 120 | 343 |
| Zim      | 156 | 165 | 187 | 508 |
| Handicap | 147 | 147 | 147 | 441 |

Total 920 918 866 2704

### NOTES OF THE BOXERS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Terry Mitchell, Brooklyn welterweight, defeated Jack Toland of Philadelphia in 10 rounds last night.

Frankie Mack of Boston outpointed young Hoffman of Brooklyn in 10 rounds last night.

Eddie Kelly defeated fighting Fitzpatrick in 10 rounds.

Johnny Shaw shaded Zulu Kid in 10 rounds.

Mike Farrell outpointed Mike Tanguin in 10 rounds last night.

Then 10 spots were placed side by side on the table.

"How'll we prove that you know Clabby," asked Clabby.

"Easy enough," answered the stranger. "I'll let you be the judge. I say that you are Jimmy Clabby. Am I right?"

Without waiting for an answer the stranger picked up the two tongs and walked away, smiling at the dazed Clabby.

## FEDS START WAR ON BIG LEAGUES

Chicago Court to Decide Claim of Outlaws That Majors Are Conducted as Other Large Monopolies of Country.

By Frank G. Menke.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—In the two weeks before argument is begun at Chicago before Judge Landis in the suit brought by the Federal league against organized baseball, there is likely to be an important move toward peace. This is expected to come from the men behind the national baseball commission, the American league and the National league.

The latest move of the "outlaws" in attacking the old leagues as a trust has thrown consternation into the camp of the organized baseball heads, despite their statements that they welcome investigation and have no fear of the outcome.

The action started by the Federal league is the most threatening they have made on organized baseball.

Today the attorney for the "old guard" began preparations to combat the latest move of the Federals. The answer in a general way is expected to be a general denial of all the Federals' claim and will, in turn, charge the Federals with planning to introduce dishonest methods in the national game.

## BOXING MATCHES TO BE STAGED SAME AS USUAL

Death of Sailor Will Make no Difference at Buffalo Navy Yard—In-dianapolis Man is Victim.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The death of Edward C. Ott, seaman on the battleship Florida who died during a boxing match on the warship at the Brooklyn navy yard Saturday night, will not result in a ban being placed on boxing matches declared Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher Tuesday evening.

"The match in which Ott was killed," said the fleet commander, "was not one of the regular boxing matches we have aboard ships. It was an impromptu affair decided upon by the sailors after supper and in lieu of something else to do."

Whenever regular boxing matches are held aboard ships, the admiral said, physicians examine the participants before they put on the gloves. This was not done Saturday night, it is said, because the tars were merely engaging in horse play.

According to the stories told on the Florida, Ott had just put on the gloves with another sailor, Patrick Walsh. They were tapping each other for about 10 seconds when Ott fell over unconscious. Four minutes later he was pronounced by Dr. Richards, the ship's surgeon, dead. A board of inquiry consisting of Commander Frank H. Clark of the Utah, Surgeon W. B. Grove of the Arkansas, and Passed Asst. Surgeon W. D. Owens of the Utah, gave as their opinion that Ott died of heart failure and not of asphyxiation.

A court martial was held on the Florida Monday evening, but its findings were not made public. They were sent to Washington. In the meanwhile Walsh is being held a prisoner-at-large on his ship.

Ott was 20 years old. He came from Indianapolis, where his body has been sent. Both boys were actively engaged at Vera Cruz and did meritorious work.

SIGN BAUMGARDNER.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Jan. 6.—Robert E. Hedges, president of the St. Louis American league, has signed George Baumgardner, a pitcher, to play for his team. Baumgardner is said to have had offers from several Federal league clubs.

TRAIN AT HAVANA.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 6.—The St. Louis Federal league baseball team will go into training at Havana, Cuba, late next month.

We took the weight out of waiting—The Red Line.

## CHARLEY WHITE RETURNS WEST TO REST FOR WELSH

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Because McCoy refused to make weight for a six-round bout in Philadelphia next Monday night, Charley White, Chicago's leading lightweight, is back home. White will rest for a few days before resuming training for a six-round encounter with Sammy Robideau in Philadelphia on Jan. 16, and his all important contest with Champion Freddie Welsh at the Madison Square Garden in New York on Jan. 26.

"Toward the end of this week I intend to settle down to hard training for the Welsh fight," said White today. "I expect to beat Robideau in Philadelphia but I will have my hands full to hold my own with the champion. As I met Welsh before I have a good idea of his style of milling and I will do everything in my power to win a clean-cut victory over him. As a knock will give me the titular I do not intend to overlook any opportunities."

Stars enter races in time for long grind.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 6.—Only a few minutes before the entry list for the \$20,000 exposition automobile race closed at midnight, Harry Grant entered his English Sunbeam car with himself as driver, and P. P. Naylor, Oldfield, Earl Cooper, Eddie O'Donnell, Louis Nikrent and other well known racers.

The Point Loma course is 5.392 miles around and is declared by the drivers to be the most spectacular and difficult course on which a road race has ever been held.

NEW HOME FOR BRAVES

Grounds Will Be Largest in the Country.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 6.—The new grounds of the Boston National league baseball club at Mattapan will be the largest in the country in size and seating capacity, and will cost more than any baseball plant yet constructed. James E. Gaffney said after a discussion of the plans by the board of directors.

Forty thousand two hundred and eighty-two seats will be provided, he said. Of these 16,931 will be in a one-story grandstand so constructed that a second deck may be added later. 13,015 will be built in bleachers back of first and third bases, admission to which will be 50 cents, and 5,336 seats will be provided to the right of center field at the 250 feet from the home plate and 460 feet from the grandstand.

FORMER PLAYER DEAD.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 6.—Otto ("Buck") Thiel, 42 years old, in former days one of the best known ball players in the west, is dead at his home here from tuberculosis. Thiel had played with the St. Joe, Des Moines, Kansas City, Omaha, Milwaukee, Louisville, Little Rock and Peoria baseball clubs. His last work on the diamond was as an umpire in the Nebraska State league in 1909.

SHERMAN WHIPS DALTON.

BAY CITY, Mich., Jan. 6.—Joe Sherman, Memphis lightweight, out-fought Johnny Dalton of San Francisco in every round last night.

WISCONSIN BEATS GRINNELL.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 6.—The Wisconsin university basketball team defeated Grinnell here last night, 41 to 19.

MULLIN RELEASED.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 6.—Fred McMullin, third baseman of the Detroit team of the American league, had been released to the Tacoma Northwestern league nine.

KING DEFEATS LE GROS.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 6.—John King of Kansas City defeated Charles LeGros of Cincinnati 50 to 43 in a 102-inning interstate three-cushion billiard league match last night.

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## BIG BREAK DUE IN AMATEUR ATHLETICS

Refusal of Swimmers to Take Part in Meet Starts New York Row.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—What promises to be the biggest break in amateur athletics in this country is expected Wednesday when the New York A. C. will take steps toward withdrawing from the A. A. U.

The trouble arose when the New York A. C. swimmers entered in the events at the Madison Square garden sportsmen's show refused to compete Saturday night. Upon complaint of the show management the A. A. U. registration committee which had sanctioned the meet, met and decided that those N. Y. A. C. swimmers entered who refused to compete would be automatically suspended unless they took part in the races at the garden Tuesday night.

None competed, being advised by the club officials not to do so.

The N. Y. A. C. board of governors met Wednesday and unless the A. A. U. reinstates the athletes suspended a wide breach between the club and the amateur association is certain.

THE RAMBLINGS OF THE POSTMORTEMIST

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So he hired the guys to give the tone. To his brand new forty reeler. And set to work to raise the loam. To launch an ad as a movie feeler. (To be continued.)

Fallen Heroes—Connie Mack and John McGraw.

Bone—That part of the grey matter commonly called the brain which hinders under excitement.

A ballplayer's resolution—To jump at least one time to the feds during 1915.

Did you ever hit a guy for a bean or two.

And he treated it like a joke. As he smiled and grinned and said to you. Sorry old top, but I'm broke.

What has become of the dunts and giveaways?

Reprinted by request—Yesterday it was some warmer, the temperature dropping down to the 90 degree mark.

Old Dan says—Charley Martin who used to be a member of the local militia has got a job on one of them big city papers as a military critic.

DRAW A FINE OF \$500

Woman Using Mails to Defraud is Sentenced.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Anette Loder, who was found guilty Christmas eve of using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of stock in the Kuparuk Copper Mining and Smelting Co., of Alaska, has been sentenced by United States District Judge Jeremiah Neterer to pay a fine of \$500 and costs. Mrs. Loder, who inherited the mine from her husband, was brought to Seattle from Galesburg, Ill., for trial.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRA-ORDINARY.

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